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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of :  
Steven Daryl Smith et al. :  
Serial No. 09/759,864 : Group Art Unit 1616  
Filed January 12, 2001 : Examiner A. Pryor  
For Systems for Controlling Plant and :  
Flower Moisture Transpiration  
Rates

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.112

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 25, 2001, please consider the following Remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1-28 are pending in the present application. No new Claims fee is due.

The Examiner has indicated that Claims 1 and 14 are allowable if re-written to include the requirement that the second component of the system which comprises the present invention further comprises a calcium ion sequestrant.

Rejection under 35 USC § 103(a)

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-12, and 14-27 under 35 USC § 103(a) as allegedly obvious over U.S. 4,900,545 Wisotzki et al., issued February 13, 1990 (hereinafter "Wisotzki '545"). The Examiner's rejection is respectfully traversed.

Wisotzki '545 relates to a composition for regeneration of hair slit-ends. It is clear to the artisan of ordinary skill that the compositions of Wisotzki '545 are intended for use on humans. The invention of Wisotzki '545 is a personal grooming or personal care composition. The problem solved by Wisotzki '545 is regeneration of damaged hair and this problem is overcome